(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली पुलिस ने केन्द्र सरकार से राशन भत्ते की मांग की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) पुलिस की मांग के अनुसार सरकार को सालाना कितनी राशि राशन भत्ते के रूप में देनी पड़ेगी;

(घ) क्या सरकार, पुलिस की जिम्मेदारियों को ध्यान में रखते हुए इस मांग को स्वीकार कर रही है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. एम. सईद): (क) से (च) राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र, दिल्ली की सरकार द्वारा दिल्ली पुलिस के अराजपत्रित स्टाफ को राशन भत्ता देने के संबंध में एक प्रस्ताव केन्द्र सरकार को भेजा गया था। उसकी जांच की गई थी तथा वित्तीय अभाव के कारण जून, 1994 में उसे अस्वीकार कर दिया गया था।

यह भी निर्णय लिया गया था कि इस मामले पर सम्पूर्ण रूप से विचार करने के लिए उसे पांचवे वेतन आयोग को भेज दिया जाए।

यदि यह प्रस्ताव स्वीकार कर लिया जाता है तो इस पर कुल वित्तीय लागत 13.21 करोड़ रूपये प्रतिवर्ष आएगी।

Handling over the Oil Gas Fields to Private and Foreign Companies

1611. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria according to which proven oil and gas fields opened up by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation are proposed to be handed over to private including foreign companies;

(b) whether open competitive bidding is followed in the matter; and

(c) how many such oil and gas fields have been handed over till now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Government of India invites offers from Indian & foreign companies for development of discovered oil/gas fields following a Global competitive bidding procedure. The major criteria adopted for selection of successful bidders for awarding contracts are:—

— Financial and technical competence of the bidder.

— Work programme with a firm estimate of captial expenditure.

— Payment of statutory levies.

— The share of project net present value accruing to the Government and ONGC/ OIL.

(c) Under the first offer of fields in 1992, contracts for 12 small sized and five medium sized fields have been signed.

Non-Payment of Wages to DTC Employees

1612. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news reported in "The Times of India" dated the 26th July, 1995 that recently DTC employees supported by a majority of trade unions, planned a march to Parliament in protest against the irregular payment of their wages;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to resolve their problems in regard to the irregular payments of wages; and

(c) what is the expenditure involved in meeting their genuine demands and steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The salaries are paid every month to the workers of the D.T.C. However, due to paucity of funds the employees have not been made any payment on account of Interim relief and D.A. arrears. The expenditure involved to meet this liability, as on date is given below:—

1. DA/IR Arrear	Rs. 10.65 crores.
2. Bonus/Ex-gratia for 1993-94	Rs. 4.00 crores.

The Government has taken the following steps to improve the financial position of D.T.C.:—

1. Introduction of Voluntary Retirement Scheme in order to reduce its surplus staff.
2. Reduction in manpower ratio.
3. Ban on recruitment.
4. Realistic balance of loss making and profit earning routes being made on continuous basis.
5. Grant of additional funds to bring on road about 1000 buses lying idle for minor repairs etc.

Four Laning of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar Section of National Highway

1613. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an inordinate delay in four laning the Cuttact-Bhubaneswar section of Howrah Madras National Highway;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the fund allocation made by the Central Government or World Bank for that Project so far; and

(d) the steps given to expedite the completion of four laning work of that project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The work is approved for Rs. 218.412 crores. Allocation of fund for the project is as follows:

Year	(Rs.in crores)
1994-95	21.50
1995-96	32.00

The work is in progress and is scheduled for completion by August, 1998.

Extradition of LTTE Chief

1614. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists an extradition treaty between India and Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, whether Government of India has made a formal request to Sri Lanka Government through diplomatic channel for extradition of LTTE Chief Velupillai Prabhakaran, who is wanted in both the countries for murders and other crimes;

(c) if no such treaty exists, whether Government are considering to have such a treaty with Sri Lanka Government or there exists other arrangements by which this extradition can be done; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Though we have no Extradition treaty, we have an extradition arrangement with Sri Lanka by virtue of the extension of Extradition Act, 1962 to Sri Lanka vide Gazette Notification No. GSR 434(E) dated 17.8.1978 and the extension of Sri Lankan Extradition Law of 1977 to India vide Sri Lankan Gazette Notification No. L.D.—B. 6/77 dated 2nd June, 1977. This arrangement provides the legal basis for securing extradition of fugitive offenders from Sri Lanka.

The High Commission of India in Sri Lanka on June 3, 1995 formally handed over to the Government of Sri Lanka three separate requests from the Government of India along with supporting documents for the apprehension and extradition of (1) V. Prabhakaran, leader of the LTTE, (2) Pottu Omman @ Sivasankar, Chief of Intelligence of the LTTE and (3) Akila @ Akila Akka, Deputy Chief of the Women's Intelligence Wing of the LTTE, accused in case No. RC 9(S)91/SCB Madras (C.C. No. 11/1992) relating to the assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi, former Prime Minister of India and others at Sriperumbudur near Madras on 21.5.1991 to stand trial in the Designated Court-I at Poonamallee, Madras.

Removal of subsidies on rail travel

1615. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has in its report